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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 12-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/1/05.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. Claims 9-11 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim 8. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 9-11 have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Costa [4857876].

Costa discloses:

- a hollow coil body 10 for insertion of the core, the coil body having an outer surface;
- at least one separating plate which surrounds the outer surface of the coil body thereby providing at least one coil area on the outer surface of the coil body;
- the coil body is made of plastic and includes at least one recess on its outer surface for positioning and holding the at least one separating plate 86;
- the separating plate is made of metal, having an opening for pushing the separating plate over the coil body and having a slit for prohibiting leakage currents within the separating plate;

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- the separating plate forms a winding of one of the at least two coils 72, 78 as shown in figure 2;
- in that another coil of said at least two coils includes an insulated wire [column 2, lines 65-68] wound around the coil body in said at least one coil area; the separating plate being a side support for said wire and dissipating heat generated within the wire [see figure 2].
- the coil body includes a coil portion of a kind of a hollow cylinder for slipping over the separating plate and a flange portion 16 on an end region of the coil portion; wherein the flange portion includes a plurality of terminals at least one terminal is electrically conductively connectable to an end of one of the at least two coils [see figure 2];
- the shape of the opening of the separating plate corresponds to the shape of outer surface of the coil body;
- the coil body having two elements 72, 78 fitting together to form a coil body;
- a core associated with said bobbin on opposite end portion, opposite side portions and central portion extending between said side portion [claim 1].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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4. Claims 5-8, 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Costa in view of Shimizu [4639706].

Costa discloses the invention as claimed as cited above except for the coil body comprising two elements fitting together by means of recess and projection of first and second elements respectively. Shimizu discloses a coil body having two elements 33, 34 connecting together by means of recess/protrusion 36, 37 as shown in figure 8. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use two-element coil body as taught by Shimizu to the device as disclosed by Costa. The motivation would have been to facilitate the insertion of the core. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Shimizu with Costa.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892 Form.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh T. Mai whose telephone number is 571-272-1995. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9 Schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin Enad can be reached on 571-272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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